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1. There were three kinds of evacuation orders, each being drawn up on different colored paper to distinguish evacuees from the Banat area.
 - a. Red papers - persons sent by train directly to Russia.
 - b. Yellow papers - persons evacuated to the Rumanian-Russian border region and sent to labor camps.
 - c. White papers - persons who could choose another area of residence in the interior of Rumania.
2. Persons affected by the evacuation order were:
 - a. The whole Serbian minority, which was completely evacuated.
 - b. Persons with relatives in Western Europe.
 - c. All persons, without regard to political affiliation or social standing, considered unreliable.
3. The affected region was from Arad to Timisoara and Turnu Severin - Orsova - Bazias, from the river kilometer points 930 to 1075.
4. Evacuation orders were delivered to each person or family by one soldier and one member of the political police, who stayed in the house and supervised the packing of personal luggage. They then escorted the civilians to the railroad station. In places where there was no railroad, the evacuees were collected in trucks. Evacuees had to be ready to leave within two hours and could only take small luggage. Children were usually separated from their parents.
5. Evacuees with red papers were loaded in sealed cattle wagons. Persons with yellow papers travelled in guarded passenger coaches and those with white papers travelled in unguarded coaches.

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6. While road convoys passed through Moldova, military or police guards stood in front of every house in the streets through which the convoy passed; no one was allowed in the street and windows had to be closed. The bodies of two elderly persons, said to have died of thirst, were unloaded from the convoy at Orsova.

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